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April 22, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Peninsula Open Space District application

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Peninsula Open Space Trust's application for funds to be used in support of POST's continued efforts to ensure the protection of San Gregorio Farms. This funding, both the grant and loan portions, will facilitate the transfer of the property to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

The protection of San Gregorio Farms is of importance to our region as the property is strategically located between two significant state protected lands: San Gregorio State Beach and Pomponio State Beach. The acquisition of this property by DPR would link these protected areas and increase the recreation and habitat value in the area.

This is an important acquisition that needs your continued support. I encourage you to give POST's application for these funds every consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Simitian".

S. Joseph Simitian
State Senator, Eleventh District

cc: Sara Clark, Peninsula Open Space District

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April 22, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I write to convey my enthusiastic support for the California Coastal Conservancy's decision to grant the Peninsula Open Space Trust \$2.225 million to ensure the protection of San Gregorio Farms. This funding will facilitate the transfer of the property to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

The protection of San Gregorio Farms is of regional importance. The property is strategically located between two significant state protected lands: San Gregorio State Beach and Pomponio State Beach. The acquisition of this property by DPR links protected areas and increase the recreational and unique habitat values of the area in numerous ways, including:

- San Gregorio Farms provides a critical link in the California Coastal Trail.
- Upper portions of San Gregorio Creek estuary located on the property provide habitat that supports endangered and threatened species such as the Saltmarsh Common Yellow Throat, the California Red-Legged Frog, the Western Pond Turtle, the San Francisco Garter Snake and the Tidewater Goby.
- San Gregorio Farms features extensive frontage along Highway 1, a State Scenic Corridor.

I am most grateful for the commission's support in sustaining this magnificent open space for the benefit of generations of future Californians. Should you desire further evidence of the merits of the Peninsula Open Space Trust's efforts to preserve San Mateo Coast's natural, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Gene Mullin
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19TH District

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COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS

April 21, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Board Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: San Gregorio Farms, San Mateo County

Dear Mr. Bosco and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the 1300 members and supporters of Committee for Green Foothills, I am writing to support the Coastal Conservancy's proposed grant of \$2.225 million to Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to ensure the protection of San Gregorio Farms. This funding will facilitate the transfer of this 267 acre property to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

The San Gregorio Farms property is of regional importance. The property is located between two significant state parks: San Gregorio State Beach and Pomponio State Beach. The acquisition of this property by DPR will link these protected areas and provide recreational opportunities as well as protect the area's notable scenic and habitat values.

- San Gregorio Farms acquisition will provide a critical link in the California Coastal Trail.
- Upper portions of the estuary of San Gregorio Creek on this property are habitat for the tidewater goby, steelhead trout, western pond turtle, California red-legged frog, San Francisco garter snake, and saltmarsh common yellow throat.
- State Parks acquisition of San Gregorio Farms will ensure the permanent scenic protection of this section of Cabrillo Highway (Highway 1), a State Scenic Highway.

We urge your support of POST's efforts to preserve the natural, scenic and cultural resources of the San Mateo Coast for the benefit of current and future generations of Californians.

Sincerely,

Lennie Roberts, Legislative Advocate
Committee for Green Foothills

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MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

April 21, 2005

Mr. Douglas Bosco
Board Chairman, California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,


On behalf of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, I am pleased to express support for the California Coastal Conservancy's decision to grant the Peninsula Open Space Trust \$2.225 million toward POST's continued efforts to ensure the protection of San Gregorio Farms. This funding will facilitate the transfer of the property to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

The protection of San Gregorio Farms is of regional importance. The property is strategically located between two significant state protected lands: San Gregorio State Beach and Pomponio State Beach. The acquisition of this property by DPR would link protected areas and increase the recreational and unique habitat values of the area:

- San Gregorio Farms provides a critical link in the California Coastal Trail.
- Upper portions of San Gregorio Creek estuary located on the property provide habitat that supports endangered and threatened species such as the Saltmarsh Common Yellow Throat, the California Red-Legged Frog, the Western Pond Turtle, the San Francisco Garter Snake and the Tidewater Goby.
- San Gregorio Farms features extensive frontage along Highway 1, a State Scenic Corridor.

I urge your grant support of Peninsula Open Space Trust's efforts to preserve San Mateo Coast's natural, cultural and scenic resources for the benefit of current & future generations of Californians.

Sincerely,


L. Craig Britton
General Manager

cc: Sara Clark, Peninsula Open Space Trust
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Board of Directors

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